(viii) Whistle boards/speed breakers and road signs have been provided at unmanned level crossings and visibility for drivers has been improved.

(ix) Audio-Visual publicity campaigns to educate road users on how to make a safe crossing are conducted.

(x) Steps have been taken to prevent inflammable and explosive materials from being carried in passenger trains.

(xi) Training facilities for drivers, guards and staff connected with train operation have been modernished including use of Simulators for training of drivers.

(xii) Refresher courses are regularly organised at specified intervals.

(xiii) Performance of the staff connected with train operation is being constantly monitored and those found deficient are sent for crash training.

(xiv) Periodical safety drives are conducted to inculcate safety consciousness among the staff.

Outlay of Department of Posts

1938. SHRI DINSHA PATEL :
SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the approved outlay in respect of Deptt. of Post was far less than the outlay proposed by the Deptt. of Post during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the schemes suffered due to curtailment/reduced outlay during the period with specific reference to the schemes pertaining to Gujarat State?

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Approved outlay in respect of Department of Post for the last three years of the 8th Plan was less than outlay proposed by the Department, as seen from details below:-

Year	Proposed Outlay	Approved Outlay
	(Rs. Cr.)	(Rs. Cr.)
1993-94	84.93	67.17
1994-95	119.00	92.00
1995-96	150.96	85.00

(c) 17 Building Projects in Gujarat Circle suffered due to less allotment as per details below :-

Year	Demand	Allotment
	(Rs.)	(Rs.)
1993-94	5,84,20,000	4,32,35,000
1994-95	6,67,55,000	5,17,70,000
1995-96	4,02,74,000	3,45,74,000

Selling of Surplus Railway Land

1939. SHRI SATYAJITSINH D. GAEKWAD :
SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the surplus railway land sold during the last three years and as on date;

(b) the amount earned therefrom, zone-wise;

(c) the purpose for which this money has since been spent; and

(d) the surplus railway land proposed to be sold during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Nil, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Construction of over Bridge at Ranchi

1940. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY :Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Members of Parliament have requested the Government for construction of over-bridge at Ranchi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). The system of replacing busy level crossings by Road Over/ Under bridges is that State Govts. make proposals giving priorities. Railway then consider such of them for inclusion in Works Programme for which the State Govt. have completed the pre-requisite preliminary formalities.

Payment of Compensation

1941. DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the amount of compensation paid to Kith and Kin of the persons killed/injured due to train accidents during the last three years?